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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, XF
SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
DEBATE IN JUNE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE DECIDED ON
MAY 12 TO REQUEST SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE. TASK
FORCE APPOINTED LAST MONTH WAS DESIGNATED TO DRAFT LETTER FROM
CHAIRMAN FALL (SENEGAL) TO SC PRESIDENT ASKING FOR SC MEETING.
PRELIMINARY DRAFT IS REPRODUCED IN PARA 3 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MORNING MEETING ON MAY 12, THE COMMITTEE ON THE
EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE DECIDED TO REQUEST SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET ON THE
QUESTION OF PALESTINE IN JUNE, PROBABLY EARLY IN THE MONTH
FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE TASK FORCE
OF NINE MEMBERS WOULD PREPARE LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN FALL
(SENEGAL) TO SC PRESIDENT (BENIN) WHICH WOULD BE SENT IN
ABOUT TWO WEEKS. UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL PROVIDED
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US WITH COPY OF FIRST DRAFT OF LETTER WHICH IS QUOTED IN PARA 3.
CHAIRMAN FALL ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD NOT RECIEVED
REPLIES TO HIS LETTERS TO ISRAEL AND WESTERN NATIONS
ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL (USUN 1170), NOTING THAT
CERTAIN PERM REPS WERE ABSENT FROM NEW YORK.

3. TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT:

QUOTE

MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO RESOLUTION 31/20 BY WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AS A BASIS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE.

IN FORMULATING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE COMMITTEE ACTED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, FULLY AWARE THAT NOT ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WERE CONTAINED IN ITS MANDATE AND THAT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS COULD ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE WIDER FRAMEWORK OF SUCH AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, I AM AUTHORIZED TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO PARAGRAPH 4 OF THAT RESOLUTION WHICH URGED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. IN FACT, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, BY HIS LETTER OF 21 DECEMBER 1976, HAS ALREADY BROUGHT THIS PROVISION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/20 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE DELIBERATIONS AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVEALED A CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
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PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WAS A CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND THAT, THEREFORE, A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WERE TAKEN INTO PROPER ACCOUNT. IN THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE, THE VIEW WAS ALSO GENERALLY EXPRESSED THAT A SATISFACTORY AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

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THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CLEARLY STATES THAT ITS MEMBERS
CONSIDERED "THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION,
WOULD CONSTITUTE A CONTRIBUTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND WOULD COMPLEMENT EFFORTS TOWARDS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE REGION".

AS YOU HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY NOTICED, MR. PRESIDENT, MOST OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS CALL FOR THE URGENT IMPLEMENTATION, LONG
OVERDUE, OF RESOLUTIONS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY
COUNCIL IN THE PAST. ONE EXAMPLE IS RESOLUTION 237 (1967),
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A DECADE AGO, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHICH
REMAINS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY RECENT STATEMENTS OF
LEADERS OF STATES PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH
INDICATE A FURTHER RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND OF THE URGENT
NEED TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO IT, TAKING INTO CONSIDER-
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ATION THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

IT IS THE COMMITTEE'S STRONG BELIEF THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
PRESENT SITUATION DEMAND THAT AT ITS NEXT MEETING ON THE QUESTION
OF PALESTINE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE
OBSERVATIONS MADE ON THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND MORE
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, SHOULD
URGENTLY ENDEAVOUR TO REACH A POSITIVE CONCLUSION WHICH WOULD

BE A STEP FORWARD TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM AND TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE COMMITTEE REMAINS ANXIOUS TO
SUPPORT ANY CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS AIMED AT OVERCOMING THE PRESENT
STALEMATE AND ATTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THIS LETTER COULD BE CIRCULATED AS A
DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

UNQUOTE

4. COMMENT: SECURITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE HAS
THUS FAR TWO DATES: QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA NO
LATER THAN JUNE 6 AND UNFICYP EXTENSION IN MID-JUNE,
PROBABLY JUNE 13-15. AS REPORTED EARLIER, THE DEBATE
ON SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT BE POSTPONED, WHEREAS THE
UNFICYP EXTENSION DEBATE IS OF COURSE DEFINITE. WE
FIND OF SOME INTEREST THE REFERENCE IN THE SECOND
PARAGRAPH OF DRAFT LETTER THAT THE COMMITTEE IN
PREPARING ITS REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS WAS AWARE
THAT THESE COULD ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE WIDER
FRAMEWORK OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. A MINOR CON-
CESSION PERHAPS THAT THE PALESTINAIAN QUESTION IS
NOT THE ONLY ELEMENT IN A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

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